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TO : Assistant Director for Operations

DATE: 8 September 1961

FROM : Chief, Foreign Documents Division

SUBJECT: FDD Monthly Progress Report - August 1961

25X1A 1. First issue of a new FDD weekly, Press Information on Cuba, was published on 25 August in response to an urgent requirement of the intelligence community. The requirement was initiated at a 7 August meeting called by the ICD/DDP followed by a 16 August letter from the Chief of American Republics Political Division, Department of State, defining terms of reference and urgency of need. Receipts of Cuban publications through normal Acquisitions Branch, CIA library channels, have been augmented by the cooperation

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2. Post editing of [REDACTED] machine translation of two books on economics was completed at the end of the month, and the material [REDACTED] Seven more book translations have meanwhile been received for postediting and evaluation, five of which are concerned with organic chemistry, and two with economics. One of the organic chemistry books is already in process of postediting preparatory to publication.

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3. The personnel situation in FDD changed considerably during the month, from 20 under ceiling on 1 August to 8 under ceiling on 31 August. The improvement can be attributed to the return of 5 of our personnel from [REDACTED] other returnees from rotational assignments, an increasing number of clerical personnel entering on duty, and to faster action on provisional clearances.

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5. During the month there were several contacts with [REDACTED] relative to his desire to dispose of his collection of over 1000 scientific translations at a minimum price of [REDACTED] on the occasion [REDACTED] A CTS check revealed that more than half

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of these translations were unrecorded. It was estimated that translation of these items [REDACTED] would cost approximately [REDACTED]

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It was consequently decided to offer [REDACTED] for his complete collection, to include packaging and labeling the translations for shipment. As the month ended, [REDACTED] accepted the proposal.

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6. On 29 August, Chief, FDD, briefed the DCI's Coordination Staff on the operations of the Committee on Exploitation of Foreign Language Publications, [REDACTED] services of common concern to the intelligence community.

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7. [REDACTED] was chosen as the Department of State's escort for a delegation [REDACTED] interested in public highways.

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[REDACTED] have been alerted for possible service for the State Department at the forthcoming United Nations meeting.

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8. Coordination [REDACTED] is now in effect to increase the potential for timely detection of indicators of Soviet Bloc preparations for hostilities. Some time ago, increased emphasis was placed on the exploitation of military, paramilitary and civil defense publications for this purpose. Possible methods for increasing speed of delivery of source material from overseas capitals are currently under investigation.

9. Special Reports Issued in August:

Middle East Press Reports on Sino-Soviet Activities in Yemen, November 1960-May 1961 - Summary Number 3116 - 4 Aug 61

Soviet Press Commentary on Peace and Disarmament, 1 January 1960-31 March 1961 - Summary Number 3117 - 7 Aug 61

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Information on Yugoslav Price System - Summary Number 3122 - 9 Aug 61

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1960 Agricultural Disaster in China's Shantung Province: A  
Documentary Study - Summary Number 3129 - 29 Aug 61

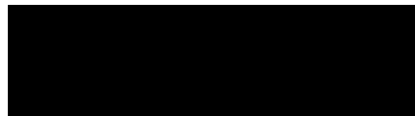
Sino-Soviet Bloc Penetration Activities in Mali Republic,  
January-April 1961 - Summary Number 3130 - 10 Aug 61

South Asian Press Reports on Sino-Soviet Bloc Activities in  
South Asia, January-May 1961 - Summary Number 3136 - 16 Aug 61

Nationalist Movements and Subversive Activities in Portuguese  
Africa, January-May 1961 - Summary Number 3142 - 17 Aug 61

Chinese Communist Press Articles on Berlin Problem - Summary  
Number 750 - 7 Aug 61

Selections from Soviet Military Theoretical Journal, "Voyennaya  
Mysl," No. 6, 1959 - Summary Number 751 - 8 Aug 61



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Enclosures:  
Statistical Report  
Details of Personnel Actions

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